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Between 10 September and 20 December 1951, the following information was received on airfields in Poland:

	Location	Date of Observation	Observation and Evaluation
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25X1	Biala Podlaska (S 53/E 46)	23 November 1951	The airfield was about 1,500 meters from east to west. It had an E-W concrete runway. A square, fenced-in fuel dump with 4 large fuel containers and about 60 fuel drums was in the eastern section of the field. The large containers which projected about one-fourth of their size above the ground had an estimated capacity of 500 hectoliters, which is equivalent to the capacity of a four-axle railroad tank car. Two large hangars which were damaged were in the western section of the field. Construction was in progress on the steel frame of one hangar. Some barracks-like buildings, which were recently erected or renovated, were west of the hangars. Adjacent, on the west, there was a large construction site. About 30 biplanes with the Polish national emblem and vertical white and red stripes on their rudder assemblies were parked on the runway.
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25X1	Leczyca (Q 53/O 77)	January 1951	The airfield was 8 km south of Leczyca. It was occupied by Soviet Air Force troops from 1945 to 1947. The troops were quartered in a barracks in Leczyca which, since 1950, has been used as a Polish

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commercial school. According to various civilians who were employed by the unit, the troops were transferred to Poznan in 1947. Between 1947 and late January 1951, no troops were observed in the town. (2)

Lodz
(Q 52/O 23)

January 1951

A new airfield was located in the eastern section of Lodz, south of the municipal park and the railroad line to Warsaw, 500 meters east of an aircraft factory. The field was smaller than that in Lodz-Lublinok. Several hundred construction workers were employed at the field. Several wooden hangars were observed. Monoplanes and biplanes practiced individual flights over the field. Their take-offs and landings were observed. No air force soldiers were seen in the vicinity of the field. (3)

Warsaw-
Bernorowo
(R 5/P 99)

8 December 1951

The airfield was north of the Warsaw West - Warsaw Gdanska circular bypass. A runway extended from south-east to northwest along the entire field. It was wide enough that two jet planes could take-off side-by-side. The administrative buildings of the field were located in the southern section and the hangars in the northern section. A large tower with an antenna was southeast of the runway. About 150 Soviet soldiers were drilling on the field. About 40 Soviet swept-back jet aircraft with high rudder assemblies were observed at the field. The 25X1 planes which usually took off in groups of two made 20 to 30 minutes local flights. [redacted]

[redacted] the crews which changed consisted of two men. It took only 2 minutes from the starting of the turbines until the planes were aloft beyond the field. (4)

Comments.

- (1) The information on Biela Podlaska airfield is believed credible. [redacted] the field was again in operation. It is believed that the field is occupied by a Polish pilot school.
- (2) This information confirms a previous report according to which Leczyca airfield was not occupied after 1947. [redacted]
- (3) This report confirms previous statements on the construction of a new airfield on the eastern perimeter of Lodz. [redacted] From the location and size of the field it is inferred that a commercial airfield was being constructed there. It is assumed that the nearby aircraft plant is a repair center for Polish aircraft and aircraft engines. The field has no military significance.

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- (4) The report generally agrees with previous statements. [REDACTED]
The tower which is mentioned in both reports is believed to be a radar set.
The type of flying, which was also observed by a locomotive brigade engineer
on 27 December 1951, confirms the assumption that pilots are being retrained
on jet aircraft at the field. Contrary to a previous report, Soviet soldiers
were observed at the field. [REDACTED]. This may indicate that 25X1
Polish and Soviet Air Force units are stationed there.

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